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Office Action Summary

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Caixia Lu

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 February 2006 and 05 April 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4-16 and 18-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 9-16 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2 and 4-8 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 18-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 02/14/06.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Request for Continued Examination

1. The request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is acceptable. An action on the RCE follows.
2. Due the restriction requirement, currently, only the polymerization process claims, claims 1-8 and 17-20, are under examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.
4. Claims 18-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The polar monomer of claim 18 lacks antecedence because an olefin is basically non-polar.

The limitations of blocks of polystyrene, polybutadiene and polytetrahydrofuran of claim 20 lack antecedences because those blocks are not olefin blocks. It is noted that the term "polytetra hydrofuran" is improper and should be replaced with -- polytetrahydrofuran--.

Claim 19 is not further limiting since olefin monomers are nonpolar monomers. Therefore, claim 19 should be cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 1, 2, and 2-8 are allowed.

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The instant claims are directed to a polymerization process of unsaturated monomers in the presence of a metallocene complex, wherein the metallocene complex have at least one donor-acceptor interaction between two of its ligands, at least one of the ligand is fluorenyl ligand and at least one alkyl or aryl group is on at least one acceptor atom; wherein, the polymerization is conducted at a temperature from -60 to 250 °C and the polymer produced have a number molecular weight [sic] greater than 500 kg/mol.

Ostoja-Starzewski et al. (US 6,353,064) teaches an olefin polymerization process in the presence of metallocene complex having one donor-acceptor interaction between two of its ligands at temperature range of 45 °C to 250 °C, wherein fluorenyl can be one the ligand. However, the cited patent does not teach or reasonably suggest conducting the polymerization at temperature range of -40 °C to 15 °C. Therefore, the instant claims are deemed to be novel.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Caixia Lu whose telephone number is (571) 272-1106. The examiner can normally be reached from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful and the matter is urgent, the examiner's supervisor, David Wu, can be reached at (571) 272-1114. The fax numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-1700.



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